

## **Making The Hard Decisions**

Here is a simple checklist to help you during this time of greatest need. It is not a complete list, but it will help you keep on task as you make the decisions you must make:

- Secure the services of a licensed funeral home to assist in the difficult decisions that must be made. The firm that made this brochure available to you will diligently care for your loved one and your wishes through the process you now face.
- Collect all of necessary family papers for use by your licensed funeral director. Here's a partial list:
  - Birth certificate/family Bible
  - Pre-arranged funeral contracts or cemetery deeds
  - Life insurance policy
  - Military service records
- Any papers or records that indicate the final wishes of your loved one
- Ask your funeral director to contact Royce Bell to arrange a suitable memorial or funeral service.
- Interview close and distant relatives or friends to determine the optimum record from which we can work.
- Arrange suitable time for us to speak with you/your family. We can meet with you personally by appointment, or we can arrange a convenient time to speak at length by phone. Email is also available.

# *Ministry For Grief and Loss*

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**In your time of greatest need...  
When all seems too difficult to face...  
With experience and insight...**

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## **Our Pledge**

- We will respect and protect the privacy of you, your family and your loved one.
- We will maintain the highest level of professional courtesy toward your family and the memory of your loved one.
- We will uphold the highest exemplary standard of moral conduct.
- We will take the time to listen, knowing that if you have cared enough to ask us to assist, we owe it to you to carefully listen to your concerns, needs, ideas and suggestions.
- We will interview your family—or designees—so that we have a clear picture of the life, interests and experiences of your loved one.
- We will exercise diligence in preparing a tribute in memory of your loved one, drawing from your family's collective memories, culture and heritage.
- We will craft appropriate words, without exaggeration or empty embellishment to tell the story of your loved one.
- We will interface with your funeral director to insure that his/her concerns—reflecting your needs—are adequately met in the service we officiate.
- We will honor your loved one.

## **Our Story**

For almost forty years, Royce Bell has served in undenominational ministry to thousands of “seekers.” Sometimes, these seekers desire a spiritual understanding of God. As you might expect, Royce is always happy to discuss these matters, whenever it may be convenient and comfortable to do so.

However, at other times there is a more compelling need that cries out to be fulfilled, such as when death invades life. In these times—when confronted with the immediate issues of planning for a reality or eventuality we do not want to face—we reach out for something that only experience and insight can provide. Sometimes, we just need somebody who understands what we are facing. Or someone who is capable and willing to express our deepest, most intimate thoughts in a professional context of eulogy and after-care coaching.

That is the place Ministry for Grief and Loss seeks to fill.

Drawing upon experience as an apprenticed embalmer during and following college years, Royce Bell developed empathy with grieving families that has served well in his career path of ministry. With continuing focus on grief and bereavement, he has emerged as a grief coach with careful insight into the issues of grief and coping with loss.

When you need help and, if we can be of assistance, please call or ask your funeral director to contact us.

“Thanks for your patience, in listening to all our stories.”  
RD, Riverside CA

“My sister and I wanted to thank you for the lovely testimonial you gave our dad at his memorial service. It was such a heart-felt tribute to a wonderful man and we appreciated it so very much. The true essence of the man we dearly loved shone through.”  
CS, Blue Jay CA

“We so appreciate everything you did to help us in this difficult time.”  
PG, Grand Terrace CA

“Thank you for the fantastic service you gave for my mother. It seemed as though knew her and our family for a lifetime.”  
PF, Rancho Murieta CA

“Thank you for all the time and thought you put into the service for our mother.”  
S, J & S, Yucaipa CA

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RD, Riverside CA

“Just a quick note to say thank you for the wonderful service. What a wonderful job you did. I will keep your number and when I'm able, I will attend your grief sessions. I know they will help me to cope better.”  
LG, Highland CA

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